



STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A carrier for mounting to a motorcycle, the carrier for carrying a golf bag on the motorcycle, the motorcycle having passenger foot pegs, comprising: an elongated mounting frame member having an attachment means for attaching the mounting frame member to the motorcycle; a first support member attached to the mounting frame member so that the first support member extends laterally from the mounting frame member, at least a portion of the first support member being U shaped; a second elongated support member attached to the mounting frame member so that the second support member extends laterally from the mounting frame member, at least a portion of the second support member being U shaped, the second support member being spaced apart from the first support member so that when the mounting frame member is attached to a motorcycle the bottom of the U shaped portion of the first and second support members aligns with the passenger foot peg of the motorcycle so that when a golf bag is placed on the carrier, the golf bag is cradled in the U shaped portion of the first and second support members with the bottom of the golf bag resting on the passenger foot peg of the motorcycle and wherein the top of the golf bag is carried in a rearward reclining position.

2. (Original) The carrier of Claim 1, wherein the attachment means comprises a plurality of passageways through the mounting frame member, at least two of the passageways aligned with at least two fastener receiving means of the motorcycle so that the mounting frame member

can be attached to the motorcycle by fasteners extended through the passageways and secured by fastener receiving means.

5 3. (Original) The carrier of Claim 2, wherein the fasteners are bolts having threaded end portions and the fastener receiving means comprises a threaded portion of the motorcycle matched to the threaded end portions of the bolts.

10 4. (Original) The carrier of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the axis from the bottom of the U shaped portion of the first and second support members to the passenger foot peg and the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle is greater than one degree and less than thirty degrees when viewed from the top of the motorcycle
15 when the carrier is mounted on a motorcycle so that when a golf bag is cradled in the U shaped portion of the first and second support members with the bottom of the golf bag resting on the passenger foot peg of the motorcycle, the upper portion of the golf bag angles
20 toward the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle when viewed from the top of the motorcycle.

25 5. (Original) The carrier of Claim 2, wherein the angle between the axis from the bottom of the U shaped portion of the first and second support members to the passenger foot peg and the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle is greater than one degree and less than thirty degrees when viewed from the top of the motorcycle
30 when the carrier is mounted on a motorcycle so that when a golf bag is cradled in the U shaped portion of the first and second support members with the bottom of the

golf bag resting on the passenger foot peg of the motorcycle, the upper portion of the golf bag angles toward the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle when viewed from the top of the motorcycle.

5 6. (Original) The carrier of Claim 3, wherein the angle between the axis from the bottom of the U shaped portion of the first and second support members to the passenger foot peg and the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle is greater than one degree and less than
10 thirty degrees when viewed from the top of the motorcycle when the carrier is mounted on a motorcycle so that when a golf bag is cradled in the U shaped portion of the first and second support members with the bottom of the golf bag resting on the passenger foot peg of the
15 motorcycle, the upper portion of the golf bag angles toward the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle when viewed from the top of the motorcycle.

20 7. (Original) The carrier of Claim 4, wherein the angle is in the range of from five degrees to fifteen degrees.

8. (Original) The carrier of Claim 5, wherein the angle is in the range of from five degrees to fifteen degrees.

25 9. (Original) The carrier of Claim 6, wherein the angle is in the range of from five degrees to fifteen degrees.

10. (Original) The carrier of Claim 3, wherein the threaded portion of the motorcycle comprises a saddlebag mounting bracket.

11. (Original) The carrier of Claim 10, wherein the angle between the axis from the bottom of the U shaped portion of the first and second support members to the passenger foot peg and the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle is greater than one degree and less than thirty degrees when viewed from the top of the motorcycle when the carrier is mounted on a motorcycle so that when a golf bag is cradled in the U shaped portion of the first and second support members with the bottom of the golf bag resting on the passenger foot peg of the motorcycle, the upper portion of the golf bag angles toward the longitudinal axis of the motorcycle when viewed from the top of the motorcycle.

12. (Original) The carrier of Claim 11, wherein the angle is in the range of from five degrees to fifteen degrees.

Referring now to Fig. 4, therein is shown schematic side view of a rear portion of a motorcycle comprised of passenger seat 21, driver seat 22, rear wheel 23, rear fender 24, right turn signal light 25, reflector 26, exhaust pipe 27, suspension link 28, suspension strut 29 and right saddlebag mounting bracket 30. The carrier 10 is mounted to the right saddlebag mounting bracket 30 by a threaded bolt 31 extending through pipe section 12 and having a threaded end portion threaded into a mating threaded portion of the saddlebag mounting bracket 30 or a threaded nut on the other side of the saddlebag mounting bracket 30; and by threaded bolt 32 extending through pipe section 13 and having a threaded end portion threaded into a mating threaded portion of the saddlebag mounting bracket 30 or a threaded nut on the other side of the saddlebag mounting bracket 30. Although threaded bolts are preferred as fasteners to fasten the carrier 10 to the motorcycle, any suitable fastener can be used and the carrier 10 can, of course, be welded to the motorcycle or a part of the motorcycle if desired. And, of course, the carrier 10 can be mounted to a motorcycle by way of threaded studs on the motorcycle extending through the pipe sections 12 and 13 and then secured by mated nuts. Preferably, the saddlebag mounting bracket 30 is a Ghost Bracket®, manufactured by Ghost Brackets Incorporated, Modesto California. Referring now to Fig. 5, a golf bag 17 is shown cradled in the carrier 10, the bottom of the golf bag 17 resting on the right passenger foot peg 16.

Referring now to Fig. 6, therein is shown a top view of the carrier and motorcycle of Fig. 4. The angle α between the axis 33 from the bottom of the U shaped portion of the first and second support members 15 and 15 and the longitudinal axis 34 of the motorcycle is preferably greater than one degree and more preferably α is greater than five degrees. On the other